

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method of providing a VPN communication between two or more network devices of unknown network address and each of which loses its configuration data on power loss comprising providing a network device without user configuration data, providing within the network device a routine which securely contacts a remote verification authority, and downloading from a remote configuration authority authorized by the remote verification authority the entire configuration data,
~~comprising-~~

~~requiring each device to download its configuration parameters from a server at a known network address_~~ each time the device is ~~initialised~~ initialized, storing the devices allocated network addresses ~~are stored at the server,~~ the server being queriable for the allocated network addresses of the two or more network devices, and wherein communications can be initiated between the two or more network addresses from this data.

22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the two or more network devices are routers.

23. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the routers form part of ADSL modems.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the configuration data is downloaded as a single transaction.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the configuration data is lost when the network device loses power.

26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the configuration data remains unchanged for the duration of the network devices powered on cycle.

27. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the configuration data is only downloaded upon a power up sequence.